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Maitland, Florida, voluntarily appeared at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Orlando, Florida, on March 7, 1973.

[redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview and of the identities of the interviewing Agents.

He was advised it was desired to reinterview him in the matter involving a violation of the National Firearms Act which grew out of the arrest of THOMAS KING FORCADE on a traffic violation in Miami Beach, Florida, on August 23, 1972. He was advised that certain information furnished by him in previous interviews in this matter was not consistent with subsequent information developed during the investigation of this matter.

[redacted] was advised of his rights by Special Agent [redacted] who provided him with a "Voluntary Appearance; Advice of Rights" form. [redacted] read his rights contained on this form and signed a waiver of his rights contained thereon.

He said he had not lied when he furnished information in this matter in the past. He said that he had been factual to the best of his ability to recall the events which had taken place and he requested that he be given a lie detector test in order to prove his truthfulness in this matter.

[redacted] stated that he [redacted]
[redacted] THOMAS FORCADE had been arrested in
Miami Beach on August 23, 1972. He said [redacted]
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said that on or about August 22, 1972, he, FORCADE, CINDY ORNSTEEN, [redacted] and the
members of the rock band known as "The Gooks", along with

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[] was shown a photograph of the rear of the truck on which he identified himself as standing near the right rear of the truck in a white T-shirt. He advised the individuals across the back of the truck are unknown to him, but they were supposed to be ZIPPIES. He stated he could not see the individual's face, but he believed [] appeared on the right side of the truck in a white T-shirt.

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been utilized by the Miami Conventions Coalition during its assembly at Flamingo Park at about 4 P. M. He stated that they worked on the truck in Flamingo Park taking the portable generator off a trailer and mounting it on the back of the truck. He said they also worked on the amplifying equipment.

Late in the afternoon of August 23, 1972, after the work had been completed on the truck, it was loaded up with some people who had been recruited by FORCADE in Flamingo Park to carry Zippie flags on sticks. FORCADE loaded these people on the back of the truck as they had previous problems on the night before from individuals beside the truck who had cut the electrical cables to the equipment.

[] said that while at Flamingo Park when the truck was loaded up the late afternoon of August 23, 1972, FORCADE was driving, CINDY was in the cab with him and [] got in the cab on the passenger side. TOM FORCADE drove them across the park in the truck and stopped at the exit to remove some barricades. [] got out of the cab of the truck in order to stop the traffic for the truck to exit from Flamingo Park. [] got in the cab of the truck with FORCADE and [] got on the back of the truck in order to sing on the microphone while "The Gooks" played their instruments along the way. "The Gooks" and [] performed from the back of the truck en route until the police stopped the truck and arrested FORCADE. [] said at this time the only persons in the cab of the truck were FORCADE, who had been driving, [] and CINDY ORNSTEEN. [] said he was on the back of the truck.

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The police immediately surrounded the truck. FORCADE put the truck in reverse in an attempt to avoid the police, but he was unsuccessful.

The next thing which took place was a couple of the people with the Zippie flags raised the sticks and the police reacted by one of them immediately telling [] who was by the microphone to tell them that they just wanted the sticks. [] announced over the microphone

"Don't hassle. There's no hassle. They just want these sticks". [] said the sticks were then given to the police.

At about the same time, a policeman poured the gasoline out of the red 5 gallon round gasoline can which was on the back of the truck as fuel for the portable generator. He poured it on the ground incidentally soaking some toilet paper rolls which were in a paper bag. [] observed FORCADE being taken out of the truck and arrested by the police. The truck was still running. [] was still on the back of the truck and FORCADE was being arrested for having no driver's license according to the remarks of one of the policemen who said, "Look what we have here. No driver's license".

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[] got off the back of the truck and went toward the front of the truck and saw [] also being taken by the police out of the cab of the truck. The police took [] over towards where FORCADE was being held.

Immediately after this a police sergeant demanded the rental papers for the truck. [] became engaged with this police officer by []

[] The police sergeant said that they were going to impound the truck. [] produced the []

[] The police sergeant asked [] if he had a helmet and [] stated that he did not and asked him why. The police sergeant said, "You're going to need one if you are going in there", meaning the demonstration area at the Republican National Convention Hall. He asked [] for his driver's license which [] produced and he then released the truck to [] said he drove the truck away from the arrest scene on August 23, 1972, when TOM FORCADE and [] had been arrested.

[] observed a photograph with a white female sitting in the cab identified by him as CINDY ORNSTEEN. He identified himself in the foreground of this photograph looking at two police officers with helmets. The police officers have their backs to the camera. []

said that he could not be certain, but he believed the one on the left whom he was looking at was the police sergeant and the one who was in the foreground was the younger officer who had accompanied him when he had produced the lease papers for the truck.

[] again viewed photographs of the Allstate Motor Oil can and the three vegetable cans, two of which had been found to contain incendiary material. [] said that during the above incident he did not see the police take these items out of the truck. He stated that he had not ever seen any of these items at any time and he had not ever seen these items on the truck. He did not hear anyone allege that there was any bomb or incendiary device involved in this event. He said that he did not see any truck arrive and depart with any of these devices.

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[] said that he had no knowledge if there was any question of possible violation regarding any incendiary devices being in this truck with the exception of the remark which he had heard by/policeman when he poured the gasoline out on the rolls of toilet paper and said something about incendiary devices. He said when he was first contacted by the FBI about this matter involving incendiary devices, he thought that the incident involved the pouring of the gasoline on the toilet paper rolls.

[] observed a photograph of the truck taken from the rear and a photograph of the truck taken from the side of the back of the truck. He pointed out in the photograph of the side of the rear of the truck two individuals had Zippie flags hanging over the side of the truck from which the sticks had been removed by the police. He pointed out in the photograph of the rear of the truck that one of these flags is still hanging over the side of the truck, one flag is over the lap of an individual sitting on the rear of the truck and there are no Zippie flags being displayed on sticks which had been removed by the police during the incident. He advised he believed that he was [] when this photograph was taken and it was, therefore, departing from the arrest scene on August 23, 1972, when the photograph was taken.

[] had no

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knowledge of the events which transpired when FORCADE had been arrested on August 23, 1972, because he had remained at the James Hotel on Miami Beach on this occasion.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[REDACTED]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	[REDACTED]
Born	[REDACTED]
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Build	Medium to stocky
Weight	180 pounds (approximately)
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Swarthy

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[redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that an interview was desired with him concerning a possible violation of the National Firearms Act growing out of an incident on August 23, 1972, in Miami Beach, Florida, during which time THOMAS KING FORCADE had been arrested on a traffic violation charge.

[redacted] acknowledged his identity and advised that he was present on that occasion. He was advised of his rights by Special Agent [redacted] and provided with a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights", which form he read and signed a waiver of his rights contained thereon.

[redacted] advised that he could not recall the specific day in August of 1972, but he was present during the Republican National Convention when THOMAS KING FORCADE had been arrested while operating a truck.

[redacted] advised that he had been arrested on this same occasion along with FORCADE.

[redacted] said that when he was arrested with TOM FORCADE, they were in the cab of the truck along with a girl who was believed to be with TOM FORCADE. [redacted] said he could not recall her name.

[redacted] was shown a photograph of a female sitting in the cab of the truck. He identified the photograph of CINDY ORNSTEEN sitting in the cab of the truck as being the individual with them on that occasion. He said he could not recall anyone else being in the cab of the truck on that occasion.

[redacted] said he is not a member of the Zippies, but he heard hearsay information that TOM FORCADE was a leader or a spokesman for the Zippies. He said FORCADE had not directly made any statements identifying himself as a leader or spokesman for the Zippies.

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[redacted] stated that he was there on this occasion with a rock music band known as "The Gooks". He said the group was together for the purpose of entertainment at Flamingo Park and outside the convention hall during the Republican National Convention held at Miami Beach, Florida.

He stated that on this day in August of 1972, during the Republican National Convention, the band was on the truck going from Flamingo Park, Miami Beach, to the convention hall in Miami Beach. He identified a photograph of the truck and stated that this was the same truck.

He said the plan on this occasion was to go and set up equipment and play music with the rock band in front of the convention hall from the back of the truck. He said the only purpose to his knowledge for this event was for entertainment as there were no plans to have any confrontation or take part in a demonstration other than to provide entertainment with the band.

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] He said he never observed any incendiary devices in the truck. [redacted] was shown photographs of an Allstate Motor Oil can along with three smaller cans and another photograph of the same Allstate Motor Oil can along with one smaller can having a wick protruding from it. [redacted] said he had never seen any of these objects in the truck which were shown in the photographs. He said he had never seen these devices.

He advised that the truck had been pulled over by motorcycle police who were in both lanes of the street, being possibly 13 or 14 of them. He said in his opinion the police appeared to be looking for the truck. He said the police asked TOM FORCADE for his driver's license and he did not have a license. [redacted] advised that the police took FORCADE out of the truck and to one side. [redacted] said he [redacted] in order to watch what was going on with the police and FORCADE.

[redacted] advised that a high ranking Florida State

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Trooper came over to the truck and asked him if he were driving and the State Trooper had at least about ten other police officers around him. He said he believed they were all State Troopers.

[redacted] said he told the high ranking police officer that he had not operated the truck. He told the police officer that the person who had operated the truck had been arrested. [redacted] said the truck was not running, but the keys were in the ignition switch. [redacted] stated that the police officer told him that [redacted]

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The police officer took [redacted] over to the area where TOM FORCADE was being held and turned him over to another police officer. [redacted] said he and FORCADE were beside a building where they were told by the police to stay. He stated that they waited for a while, at least about 15 minutes, at that location, but he could not observe the truck at that time. He stated that he and TOM FORCADE were both taken over to a police patrol car and put in the rear seat of the police patrol car. He advised that from this location he could then observe the truck, but he did not recall seeing if anyone went in to it or not.

He advised that about 15 minutes after being placed in the rear of the police vehicle where he could then observe the truck, he saw a police officer and a plainclothesman coming from the open door of the cab of the truck. He said the plainclothes officer had a gun on his hip. He stated that they were coming from the passenger side of the truck carrying a can with what appeared to be a candle having a wick protruding from it. He said he did not actually see them take it out of the truck. He said that when he first observed them, they were walking away from the area of the open door of the truck as though they may have taken it out of the truck, but he did not actually observe them take it out of the truck.

[redacted] advised that the can they were carrying appeared to be the same as the one contained in the photograph having the Allstate Motor Oil can and one smaller

vegetable-type can with a wick protruding from it.

[] stated that the police officers treated this can as if it were a bomb. He said they brought it to the curb near the area of the patrol car where he and FORCADE were being held. He stated that they cleared some people away from the area around the candle device, but left him and FORCADE near it sitting in the back of the police car. He said that subsequently a truck arrived and took the device away.

[] advised that he could not ever recall seeing this candle-type device in the cab before he observed it with the police officers. He advised that he has never observed the other three items, the Allstate Motor Oil can and the other two smaller cans, in the photograph in the cab of the truck or in the area around the truck or at any time.

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[] advised that TOM FORCADE, the girl and the others on the truck had never discussed any plans in his presence nor had he ever heard any rumors or hearsay information that the devices in the photograph or any such incendiary devices were to be used that day. He said he never heard any plans to foment any violence or to take part in any planned violence. He advised he never heard any plans other than those to provide musical entertainment for the purpose of publicity in order to make a name for "The Gooks".

[] observed a photograph of a passenger automobile showing its rear seat with two individuals sitting in it and identified them as being TOM FORCADE and himself sitting beside FORCADE in the rear of the aforementioned police vehicle.

He identified the girl sitting in the cab of the truck in the photograph as the one who had been in the cab of the truck with him and FORCADE and identified the person in the photograph in the center foreground as being [] or [] who was the leader of the band "The Gooks". He said [] had rented the truck for the event.

[] said the police had released the truck

and he later heard from [] that the police had released the truck to him because he had the rental papers and a chauffeur's license. [] stated that he had been taken away by the police before the truck was actually released and it departed from the scene.

[] said that FORCADE had been driving the truck because he had told [] that he had a chauffeur's license and he knew the area better than []

[] viewed a photograph of the rear of the truck and said all the individuals in the photograph were unknown to him as they were supposed to be Zippies. He said the police had taken their sticks from their Zippie flags when they were first stopped.

[] said that [] had been riding on the rear of the truck all the way from Flamingo Park until the truck had been stopped by the police and he and FORCADE had been arrested.

He viewed a photograph of the side of the rear of the truck and stated the individual third from the left wearing a "cosmic" T-shirt and glasses was known to him, but he could not recall his first or last name at this time. He stated that this individual had been a member of the equipment crew of "The Gooks" and he was not a member of the Zippies. He said he believed he may be from Miami. He said the fourth individual from the left in this photograph was the drummer for "The Gooks", whose first and last names he could not recall, but he had a Polish sounding name. He said this individual was from Orlando, Florida. He said the first and second individuals from the left were unknown to him. He explained that this group had been hastily gotten together before going to Miami and during the time they were there he had known some of them by first names, but he had since forgotten their names. He said [] had gotten the group together.

[] viewed a photograph of an individual standing with his back to the wall of a building. He identified this individual as being TOM FORCADE. He observed and identified [] as being the third person from the left of this picture. He had a cigarette in his

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mouth. He said only his head and a small part of his body are visible. He said the taller man in the photograph with a cigarette in his hand up to his mouth is believed to have been a plainclothes police officer. He stated that the other individuals were unknown to him.

[] said that [] had formed "The Gooks" only about a week before the Republican National Convention in order to go to Miami Beach during the convention in an attempt to obtain national television publicity and recognition for the band. He said he was not a member of the band and he was taken along as part of the equipment crew. He said he had mainly known persons in the group by their first names, but since then he has forgotten them except for []

[] identified [] as the leader of the band, "The Gooks", and the singer. He advised he could not recall the lead guitar player's name, but he was a white male, about 19 to 20 years of age, weighing about 165 pounds, having a muscular build, blond hair and being about 6 feet tall. He said he could not identify him in the photograph. He stated the bass guitar player was not in the photograph and he could not recall his name, but he was also from Orlando, Florida, being a white male, about 21 years of age, weighing about 145 pounds, having blond hair, being about 5 feet 4 inches or 5 feet 5 inches tall. He said the drummer was in a photograph of the side of the rear of the truck standing on the right, having dark hair and a dark T-shirt. He said the drummer's equipment can be seen behind him. He could not recall the drummer's name, but described him as a white male, about 17 or 18 years of age, dark hair, weighing about 155 pounds, having a slim build, being about 6 feet tall and having a dark complexion.

[] advised that in addition to [] on the equipment crew, there was an individual whose nickname was []. He said he could not recall his actual name, but he believed he was from Miami, Florida. He said he was a white male, about 25 or 26 years of age, about 5 feet 1 or 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds, having dark, curly hair, which was medium long, and a dark complexion. He could not locate these individuals.

in the photographs. He advised the individual in the "cosmic" T-shirt was also a member of the equipment crew, but he did not recall his name. He said he was about 16 years of age, wore glasses, had long, light colored, dirty blond hair and he believed he was from Miami.

[] said there were a couple of other individuals with the equipment crew, but he could not recall their names or descriptions.

[] said that he had been taken by the police from the arrest scene on Miami Beach and held over night in the Dade County Jail. He advised that he was taken the next day before a judge where he produced his driver's license and he had been released and the charges dismissed. He said that he had a driver's license the whole time during which he had been arrested. He stated that during the arrest he had shown the license to the police officer believed to be a State Trooper, who had said to him, "Why didn't you show it to me when I asked you for it" and he continued to write out the summons and arrest him for not having a driver's license.

[] said [] lived in Maitland, Florida, in the Domerich Hills area, but he could not recall the street number.

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He said he had never conspired with anyone to use any violence or any incendiary devices and he had never overheard FORCADE, FORCADE's girlfriend or anyone conspire to utilize such devices. He said he had no idea where these devices had come from and he had never observed them in the cab of the truck. He did not recall ever having seen these devices at any time except for the one having a wick sticking out of it which the police officer had in his hand when he came from the cab of the truck. [] stated that he had no knowledge or information of any nature indicating FORCADE and the girl ever had the devices shown in the photograph or any similar such devices.

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Race

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White

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Sex

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Height

Weight

Hair

Characteristics

Eyes

Complexion

Build

Employment

5 feet 6

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Brown

Mustache

Hazel

Medium

Medium

Orange County Board of Controls,

Orange County Water Control

District, East Highway 50,

near Route 436,

Orlando, Florida

671-7669

831-8867

Married

One child, infant

Business phone

Home phone

Marital status

Children

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[redacted] home address, [redacted]
[redacted] was located and interviewed in the vicinity of King High School, Sligh and 56th Street, Tampa, Florida. Prior to the interview, he was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the reason for the interview. He furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that during the Republican National Convention, Miami Beach, in August of 1972, he was invited by a rock group called "The Gooks" to work with them as a sound technician. He said there was no pay involved but because of the experience of participating with the group, and the opportunity to observe what might happen during the convention, he accepted the offer.

He said on the late afternoon of August 23, 1972, "The Gooks" were going to play at the site of the convention for publicity reasons. In order to get to the convention site from Flamingo Park, where they were staying, they used a rental flat bed truck. He said the equipment for the band was loaded on the back of the flat bed truck and he and the rest of the members of the band were on the back of the truck watching the equipment when the truck traveled from Flamingo Park. He remembers that TOM FORCADE was driving the truck and to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] was also in the cab with FORCADE. He said he had no recollection of anyone else being in the cab of the truck during the trip to the convention site. [redacted] said he definitely remembered that [redacted] a member of the rock band, was in the back of the truck with himself and the other members of the band during the entire trip from Flamingo Park. Prior to arriving at the convention site, the truck was pulled over by police on motorcycles, at an unrecalled location. FORCADE was taken from the cab of the truck and a conversation ensued between FORCADE and several police officers. He could not hear what was being said between FORCADE and the police. He said, at about this same time, the back of the truck which held the equipment for the group was searched by police. The only thing found in the back, which was taken, was a red gasoline can filled with gasoline which was used by the band to run a generator. The generator was used to power the musical equip-

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ment. He said the gas in the can was poured out on the street.

[] advised that during the time they were stopped, he was busy watching the equipment on the back of the truck and never became concerned with what was happening in the vicinity of the truck cab. He said he never saw any police remove cans of any kind from the cab and he was not aware that anything was taken from the truck other than the gas can. He viewed a photograph of an Allstate Motor Oil can and three small vegetable type cans and advised that he never saw these cans before or after being stopped. He said he had no business in the cab and had not looked in the cab prior to leaving Flamingo Park. He also said no one had talked about making or using any "incendiary devices" during his stay at the camp.

He said to the best of his recollection, when FORCADE was taken from the truck by the police, [] who was also in the cab, moved over behind the wheel of the truck as if to drive the truck. He then was also taken from the cab by the police, and a conversation, which he could not hear, ensued. He said ultimately both FORCADE and [] were arrested and taken away by the police in a police car for a charge which he heard was failure to have a driver's license. He said he later learned that [] was released by a judge when he produced a driver's license. He did not know what happened to FORCADE. He was shown a photograph of a white female sitting in the cab of the truck and advised that he knew this individual as CINDY but did not know her full name. He could not remember if this girl was in the cab during the trip since he did not see her. He did state that she had been with FORCADE most of the time since he had been at the camp.

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After the truck was searched and FORCADE and [] were taken away, an unrecalled individual drove the truck on to the convention site.

The following description and background information regarding [] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[]
Place of Birth	[]
Height	5'10"
Weight	145 lbs.

Hair	Brown, long, past shoulders
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears glasses or contacts, wears mustache
Build	Slim
Complexion	Fair
Education	[redacted] King High School Tampa, Florida
Automobile	Blue Valiant, license # [redacted]
Home address	[redacted] Tampa, Florida
Parents	
Father	[redacted]
Mother	Same address

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[redacted]
Altamonte Springs, Florida, advised that he is a student at Florida Technological University, Orlando, Florida, and he is the lead guitarist in a rock music band known as "In The Beginning." He advised that this group is led by a friend of his, [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been at the Republican National Convention (RNC) on its last day in August, 1972, when THOMAS KING FORCADE had been arrested for operating a truck. [redacted] stated that he had known [redacted] as a promoter of Cosmic Productions, who had promoted rock music events in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Florida, before the National Presidential Conventions were held in Miami-Beach, Florida. He said that [redacted] had been to the Democratic National Convention (DNC), and after it terminated, he had come back to Orlando, Florida, from the DNC with a "fantastic idea." He said the idea was to form a rock group, "The Gooks," in order to go to the coming RNC in Miami Beach, and perform from a flat bed truck. He said they were to use some songs of a radical political nature, which had been written by [redacted] in order to attract the attention of the national television and press media at the convention. He stated it was planned that this would result in the group becoming famous and make it possible for them to publish a record album.

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[redacted] said that he and [redacted] from the group "In The Beginning," were the only ones who went along with the idea. [redacted] advised that he slightly knew an individual named [redacted] a student from Winter Park High School, who was a drummer. He said that he had met [redacted] because his girl friend was a friend of his, [redacted] said he called [redacted] through [redacted] which is the only listing under that spelling in the Orlando telephone directory. He stated he could not recall the exact address.

[redacted] said [redacted] has since moved to Sarasota,

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Florida. He advised that he had heard from [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] Maitland, Florida, had gone to Sarasota where she was majoring in art in the Ringling School of Art. He advised that [redacted] had told him that [redacted] had moved down to Sarasota to be near [redacted]

[redacted] said that he is originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and his family and [redacted] reside at that address, but he is a student at the Florida Technological University, Orlando, residing in Altamonte Springs.

[redacted] stated that he had not seen [redacted] since they had returned from the RNC in Miami Beach.

[redacted] stated that after he had gotten [redacted] to join the group, "The Gooks", it consisted of [redacted] and [redacted] who was the singer. He said [redacted] had obtained some other people to go along with the group to Miami as equipment handlers. He advised that [redacted] went as an equipment handler; and an individual whose first name was [redacted] but whose last name was not recalled, from Tampa, Florida; [redacted] from Maitland, Florida; and another unrecalled white male, who had blond hair and a mustache, were also members of the equipment crew.

He recalled that [redacted] was also in the group as an equipment handler.

[redacted] advised that he left for Miami Beach on or about Saturday, August 19, 1972, before the beginning of the RNC started there on Monday. He advised that [redacted] and himself rented a Ryder truck in Orlando, Florida, and drove it down with the band instruments and the sound system equipment. He advised that [redacted] had gone down the day before and the other members of the group came down on the next day after he arrived. He said they all met at the James Hotel, Miami Beach.

[redacted] said that someone, but he did not recall who, had obtained a flat bed rental truck from the Ryder company, in Miami, in order to set up a platform from which

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the band could perform in front of the RNC hall.

He said that they played from the truck in Flamingo Park on Sunday night, and from the truck in front of the RNC hall on Tuesday night.

[] said that [] had met with TOM FORCADE of the Zippies at the DNC, and [] said that FORCADE had contacts who could help get publicity for the rock group venture. He said that FORCADE was with the group on Sunday and Tuesday evening when it performed. [] said FORCADE had a girl friend whose name was then unknown to him, who was with him on several of the occasions when he saw FORCADE.

On Wednesday, August 23, 1972, the day the President of the United States was to speak and the last day of the RNC, there were rumors that a demonstration was to be held in front of the RNC hall,

"The Gooks" and the equipment crew met FORCADE and his girl friend at the Flamingo Park in Miami Beach, where they got the truck and the equipment ready to play on that evening.

They left Flamingo Park for the RNC hall site late in the afternoon, probably being in the vicinity of 6:00 PM. As the truck departed, TOM FORCADE drove, [] equipment man, was in the cab, and FORCADE's girl friend was in the cab, to the best of [] recollection. [] said that he could not recall any one else being in the cab of the truck. [] stated that he was on the back of the truck, with [] and other individuals from the equipment crew, but he could not recall which members of the equipment crew were on the truck at that time as some of them had been sent ahead to the RNC hall site in order to receive the truck when it arrived. He said several persons, who were unknown to him, were on the truck with Zippie flags. He said they jumped onto the truck just before it left Flamingo Park for the hall. FORCADE drove the truck and [] sang. The truck went directly toward the hall, and [] did not believe

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anyone got into or out of the cab of the truck along the way.

A short distance before reaching the RNC hall, the truck was stopped by the police, who converged upon it in great numbers. They approached the truck with riot batons in hand. They immediately encircled the truck. [] was on the back of the truck, and the aforementioned persons, FORCADE, his girl friend, and [] were in the cab of the truck when it was stopped by the police. Some of the police came to the back of the truck and demanded the sticks from the Zippie flags, but, after taking the sticks, the flags were turned back to them. At about the same time, another policeman took the gasoline can from the back of the truck and dumped it into the gutter. The gasoline can contained gasoline for the portable generating equipment. This gasoline can had not been in the cab of the truck.

[] observed a photograph showing an Allstate Motor Oil can and advised that this was not the can that had been taken by the policeman and dumped into the gutter. He advised that he had never seen this can, in the photograph, on the truck, in the cab of the truck, and he didn't recall ever having seen it in his life.

[] said that about the same time these events were taking place, some other policemen went to the cab of the truck and FORCADE was taken out of the truck. [] was also taken out of the truck by police. One officer had a vehicle storage order form and he said "This truck is under arrest", causing him to believe it was to be impounded. [] said [] was talking to one of the officers about impounding the truck. It was said by someone in the crowd that FORCADE and [] had been arrested for driving without a license. Some other rumors overheard during the incident indicated FORCADE, who did not have a license, had tried to get out from under the steering wheel of the truck and [] had tried to assume the appearance of having been the driver. [] did not recall seeing FORCADE and [] any further.

[] did not recall ever seeing a police officer take anything from the cab of the truck. He only recalled seeing the officer take the gasoline can for the portable generator and dump it and then return the can to the truck.

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[] was shown a photograph of an Allstate Motor Oil can and a smaller can having a wick protruding from it. [] said he had never seen these items on the truck. He said that to the best of his recollection, he had never seen these items before. [] was shown another photograph of the Allstate Motor Oil, along with the can with the wick protruding from it, and two other smaller cans. [] said that he had never seen these items on the truck, and he had never seen them before.

[] was shown a photograph of the side view of the cab of the truck. He identified the truck as the same one on which he had been riding during the above mentioned incident. He identified the individual sitting in the cab of the truck as FORCADE's girl friend. In the center foreground, having long dark hair and a mustache talking with a police officer he identified []. He stated [] appeared in the photograph wearing a white tee-shirt, bending over with his back to the camera on the back of the truck. He identified LANE by his guitar strap across his back.

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[] was shown a photograph of the rear view of the truck. He advised, after examining the photograph, that it was apparently departing from the scene of the above mentioned arrest of FORCADE and []. He noted that it apparently took place after the incident ended, as the Zippie flags were no longer on the sticks, which had been taken by the police. He advised the individuals sitting on the back of the truck were unknown to him, and they were alleged to have been Zippies picked up at Flamingo Park before the trouble. He identified [] wearing a white tee-shirt, and standing near the right rear of the truck in this photograph.

[] was shown a side view of the back of the truck bed. He identified [] (last name unknown) (LNU), from Tampa, wearing a Cosmic tee-shirt. He identified [] as standing in the right of the picture, wearing a dark tee-shirt; and standing near his drums. He identified [] on the left side of the picture having his hair in a pony-tail. He advised the other person was unknown to him.

[] was shown a photograph of a white male with his back to the wall, wearing no shoes. [] identified this individual as TOM FORCADE. He identified the head of [] as being the third from the

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left having a cigarette in his mouth.

[] was shown a photograph of the rear seat of an automobile and he identified TOM FORCADE sitting in the rear seat of the car.

[] advised that he had never seen the devices in the above photographs and he had never heard FORCADE, FORCADE's girl friend, [] or any of the other persons mentioned above, on this venture, make any reference or plans to the use of incendiary devices or the devices in the photograph, or make any plans for any kind of violence.

[] advised that he and the members of "The Gooks" were not members of the Zippies, and he had never seen TOM FORCADE before this venture, which was only for the purpose of obtaining publicity.

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[redacted] advised that he is commonly known as [redacted] stated that he is a student at Florida Technological University, Orlando, Florida, and is self-employed as the leader of a rock music group known as "In The Beginning". He stated he plays bass and piano in the group.

[redacted] said that he was present in August, 1972, during the Republican National Convention, when TOM FORCADE had been arrested for operating a truck on Miami Beach, Florida.

[redacted] advised that he had gone to Miami Beach, for the Republican National Convention in a rock music band known as "The Gooks". He stated "The Gooks" had been formed by [redacted] who lived in his neighborhood and is employed by Radio Station WOL in Orlando, Florida. He stated that himself, [redacted] and [redacted] from "In The Beginning" had formed the rock music group, "The Gooks." He advised the fourth member of "The Gooks" who had not been affiliated with "In The Beginning" was [redacted]. He stated he did not know [redacted] actual address, but he believed that it was the only one appearing in the telephone directory under the name [redacted] [redacted] Orlando, Florida. He advised that [redacted] has left the Orlando, Florida, area since the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, Florida, and he may be in West Palm Beach, Florida, but he is not certain of his location.

[redacted] said that shortly before the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach, they formed the rock music group "The Gooks" in order to travel to the convention and gain publicity in front of the TV cameras from the national networks covering the convention hall at Miami Beach. He stated that [redacted] had obtained some backers for "The Gooks" and this event, but he was not certain of their identities. He said that he believed one of them was named [redacted] (phonetic), but he was not certain of his identity. He stated that the backers had nothing to do

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with or any connection with "The Zippies" in Miami Beach, Florida. He stated he believed the individual who was a backer recalled as being [] ran a half-way house in Miami, Florida. He stated that with the money from the backers they rented a flat bed truck for the band to perform from in front of the Republican National Convention Hall in Miami Beach, Florida. [] said TOM FORCADE was brought into this matter by []. He said [] alleged FORCADE knew a lot of producers in the recording industry and people who wrote for rock magazines such as "Rolling Stone" and FORCADE could get the band publicity through these contacts.

[] said that the members of "The Gooks" and a few, two or three, equipment handlers all stayed at the James Hotel, Miami Beach, near the Republican National Convention Hall. He advised that the band members and the equipment handlers had nothing to do with TOM FORCADE and the Zippies. He stated the band members and equipment handlers had nothing to do with the other so called revolutionary groups. He said that to his knowledge, the band and the people associated with it did not ever go to the Zippies' headquarters.

[] advised that the band and equipment handlers met at the James Hotel in Miami Beach, on Sunday before the beginning of the Republican National Convention and they stayed there until they left the day after the Republican National Convention had ended.

On the last day of the Republican National Convention, which was the day that President NIXON made his acceptance speech, they all met at Flamingo Park on Miami Beach, where TOM FORCADE and some unknown individuals with him joined the band and it's handlers on the truck.

TOM FORCADE drove the truck as it left Flamingo Park. The band played while en route and [] sang. The truck was equiped with a portable generator and amplifying equipment.

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[] advised that as they approached an area on Miami Beach known as the Mall which was shortly before arriving at the Convention Hall site, about 35 or 40 policemen, many of them being on motorcycles stopped the truck. He said the police immediately grabbed the gasoline can off the back of the truck which had been for extra fuel for the portable generating equipment. He said they dumped the gasoline out. He said they appeared as though they would take the can and [] protested stating that he had rented the generator and the can belonged with the equipment. He said the police then returned the can and it was placed back on the truck.

[] viewed a photograph of an Allstate Motor Oil can and stated that the gasoline can which had been dumped by the police was not the same can as the Allstate Motor Oil can in the photograph. He stated the gasoline can which was dumped by the police had been round and red and it had a flexible spout on it.

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[] stated that after they returned the empty gasoline can the police took sticks from the kids on the truck who had Zippie flags attached to them and then gave the flags back.

[] advised that other policemen who were up by the cab of the truck took TOM FORCADE out of the truck and took him away. He stated that he did not see TOM FORCADE any further.

[] stated that the police also arrested [] who was the third person in the truck cab with FORCADE and CINDY whose last name is unrecalled. He stated that CINDY was TOM FORCADE's girl friend.

[] advised that [] had nothing to do with TOM FORCADE prior to this event and he was not a Zippie, but he was a member of the equipment crew of "The Gooks". He stated he believed [] may be

from Winter Park, Florida. [] advised that he had not known [] before the groups had been formed for this event and he has not seen him since the Republican National Convention except on one occasion when he observed him on the campus of Seminole Junior College. He said that he did not believe [] was a student there.

[] advised that [] had been arrested and charged with driving the truck without a license. [] said he had not observed [] to drive the truck on this event as FORCADE had been its operator. [] said the charges against FORCADE were unknown to him.

[] said that after FORCADE and [] had been taken away from the truck it was released to [] who had rented the truck and [] drove it toward the convention hall. He said that after departing the arrest scene the truck stopped in a parking lot across from the convention hall for awhile, possibly five to ten minutes, and then proceeded to the area in front of the convention hall where the truck was parked.

[] said the group played a few songs. He said the crowd seemed hostile toward their music. [] advised that at this point he, [] who resides on [] Altamonte Springs, Florida, and [] the drummer, packed up their instruments and left because tear gas was being thrown by the police.

[] said that when he left, [] still had the truck.

[] said that he went to the hotel, washed off tear gas and watched the events at the convention site on the television for awhile. He stated that he departed for home the next day.

[] stated that the Allstate Motor Oil can shown to him in the photographs and the three smaller cans, one containing a wick, and two other smaller cans along

with it had never been seen at any time by him. He stated specifically he had never seen these items at any time while the truck was being stopped by the police.

[] said that he had not observed the police or anyone taking these items away from the scene where the police had stopped the truck. [] said he never heard anyone in the musical group, FORCADE, GINDY, [] or anyone in the group with FORCADE, discuss the use of incendiary devices or discuss any plans to interrupt the convention or plan to use any sort of violence. He said that to his knowledge no such plans had been made to use incendiary devices or foment violence in any way.

[] said the plans on this occasion only provided for obtaining television publicity in order to promote the rock music group, "The Cocks" and attract business for this group. He said FORCADE made no remarks in his presence indicating that he had any ulterior motives in this venture other than promoting a successful rock music group and thereby obtaining contracts and recording appearances for the group.

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[] observed a photograph of the side of the rear area of the truck and stated the individual being the fourth from the left is [] who is the drummer for the "Cocks". He advised that in the same photograph, the third person from the left who is wearing a Cosmic T-shirt is [] whose last name was unknown and he is a high school student at Tampa, Florida. He advised that this individual was a crew member for the "Cocks". He stated [] is the first person from the left wearing a white T-shirt having his back to the camera.

[] viewed a side view of the cab of the truck with a white female sitting in it. He identified her as being the girl friend of FORCADE. In the center foreground of this photographs he identified [] is the individual who is apparently talking to two police officers.

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[] was shown a photograph of the rear of the truck. He identified [] as standing near the right rear corner of the truck wearing a white T-shirt. He advised that he did not know the individual sitting across the rear of the truck and the other individual's special features were not clear enough to make an identification of himself or other persons known to him.

[] was shown a photograph of a white male individual standing against a building with his back to the wall. He identified the individual in the center with his back to the wall, having no shoes, as being TOM FORCADE. He observed the third individual from the left whose head is visible with a small portion of his body having a cigarette in his mouth as being [] who was a member of the equipment crew of "The Cooks".

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[] observed a photograph of the rear seat of the passenger automobile. He identified the individual sitting in the rear seat as TOM FORCADE. He stated the other individual beside FORCADE appeared to be [] but he could only make a tentative identification based on the appearance of his shirt, as he could not see this individual's face in the photograph.

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[redacted] Sarasota, Florida, was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] voluntarily furnished the following information:

In August, 1972, he was playing the drums with a rock group called "The Gooks" with [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), and [redacted]. The group had been booked through [redacted] to play on the back of a truck at the Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida. It was anticipated that this exhibition might bring a lot of publicity to the group.

As the group was going to the location, which he believes was on Washington Street, the truck was being driven by THOMAS FORCADE. All of "The Gooks" were on the back of the truck, along with two or three of the stage hands. The stage hands he can recall are [redacted] and [redacted]. He recalls that the wife or girl friend of FORCADE was along, but he does not recall where she was. He did not know her name, however, identified a photograph of [redacted] as being FORCADE's wife or girl friend.

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While enroute to the convention center, the police stopped the truck and arrested FORCADE. [redacted] recalls that FORCADE did not have a driver's license. Then someone else got into the cab of the truck to drive it away, and he was also arrested for no driver's license. After this, [redacted] drove the truck off. When the truck was first stopped by the police, FORCADE was driving. [redacted] does not know who, if anyone, was in the cab of the truck with FORCADE at that time. It is his recollection that maybe FORCADE's wife or girl friend may have been in the cab, or else was walking alongside the truck. All of "The Gooks" including [redacted] (LNU), [redacted] as well as [redacted] were on the back of the truck.

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[redacted] said he does not know [redacted] by name. He was shown a photograph of [redacted] and said his face looked familiar, and he could remember seeing [redacted] helping set up the stage, but he did not know his name. He does not recall where [redacted] was when the police stopped the truck. He also said he cannot say for certain that [redacted] was the second person arrested for no driver's license, as there was a lot of confusion and people in the area during that time.

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In view of the location where "The Cooks" planned to perform, they had a portable gasoline generator on the back of the truck to supply power for their sound equipment. They had a large can of gasoline on the back of the truck for this generator. It is his recollection that this large gas can was sitting near the front of the truck bed, next to the cab.

[redacted] was exhibited two photographs labeled "Unknown and Unidentified Devices" depicting Allstate Motor Oil can and smaller cans with some type of wick in the top. He stated he did not see any of these items, or similar items, at any location on the truck. He said if they were in the cab of the truck he would not have seen them, since he was never in the cab and did not look in it.

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[redacted]
Maitland, Florida, voluntarily appeared at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Orlando, Florida.

[redacted] advised that he had been present at the Republican National Convention, August, 1972, during which time TOM FORCADE had been arrested while operating a truck.

[redacted] advised that he is unemployed and that he had been born [redacted] at Berkeley, California. He advised that he is a high school graduate, having a GED diploma and nine hours of junior college work.

[redacted] advised that shortly before the Republican National Convention at Miami Beach, Florida, [redacted] had formed a rock music band called "The Cooks" and he took it to Miami Beach in order to get publicity for the group on the television cameras deployed at the Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

[redacted] said that on the afternoon of the day on which President NIXON came to the convention it was indicated during conversation that TOM FORCADE had arranged to park a rental flat bed truck, from which the band would play, across the street from the convention hall, where it would be exposed to the television cameras. [redacted] said that he was not certain, but he believed [redacted] had rented the truck as he has later said that he had rented the generator for the electrical instruments and the public address system. [redacted] advised that the band members of "The Cooks" and the equipment men all stayed at the James Hotel on Miami Beach.

[redacted] said that on that day the truck was taken to Flamingo Park with the band members and equipment men on it. He said FORCADE was driving the truck and CINDY ORNSTEIN, FORCADE's girlfriend, was in the cab with FORCADE. He said [redacted] who is a friend of his [redacted] was in the cab of the truck with FORCADE and [redacted] said that [redacted] was on the back of the truck taking care of the equipment. [redacted] said that as the truck

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departed with the group on it from Flamingo Park en route to the Convention Hall, he went back to the James Hotel on an errand. He said that [] was to sing over the microphone from the back of the truck while it was en route and his throat bothered him. He said that he went back to the hotel in order to obtain some Southern Comfort whiskey for [] throat.

[] said that he met the truck and the group after it had departed Flamingo Park at a point which was about one traffic signal before the point where it had been stopped by the police. He said the truck had stopped for a red light and he jumped onto the truck. He said the truck was en route to the convention hall area when the police stopped it. He stated that when he got onto the truck, just before it was stopped by the police, TOM FORCADE was driving the truck, CINDY ORNSTEEN, and [] were in the cab of the truck. He said [] was still on the back of the truck.

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[] advised that about the next traffic light after he got on to the truck, Florida State Troopers and Miami Beach Policemen stopped the truck. He said there were a lot of policemen who surrounded the truck.

[] said the police told him that they were taking all potential weapons and they took the sticks which had ZIPPIE flags on them.

He said the police took a five gallon can of gasoline off the back of the truck which was sitting next to the portable generator. He said the gasoline was for the operation of the portable generator which operated the amplifying equipment. He said the police poured the gasoline from the can onto the ground. [] said the police started to take the can but [] who was on the back of the

truck, objected and they returned the can to the truck. [] described the can as being a large orange-red five gallon gasoline can with a flexible hose on it to pour from. LEWIS said a policeman took a candle of CINDY's which was in the cab of the truck. He said the candle was in a can which looked like a coffee can. He said the candle appeared to be the same one as appears in a photograph next to the Allstate Motor Oil can.

[] said that these type candles were common among the campers in Flamingo Park and they were used for lighting while camping in the park. He said that they were frequently sold in the park for that purpose. He said that on several occasions on about the previous two days, CINDY, had been seen in Flamingo Park carrying this candle lighted and using it for light. He said it also had an incense smell to it when it was burning.

[] said the policeman took the candle away and his attention was distracted by the arrest of [] therefore, he did not know what became of the candle.

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[] said that TOM FORCADE had just been arrested for operating the truck without a license. He said the police pulled TOM FORCADE out of the cab and [] slid over in the front seat of the cab behind the steering wheel. The vehicle did not move and [] did not operate it, but the police checked his driver's license and arrested him because it was not a chauffeur's license. LEWIS observed FORCADE and [] being taken away by the police. The police then released the truck and it went on to the convention hall site. [] believed the truck was driven away from the arrest scene by [] who then turned it over to some unrecalled individual who said he had a chauffeur's license in order that [] could get back on the back of the truck and sing.

At the convention site, [] said the band attempted to play while driving down the beach side of the convention center, but demonstrators wearing VVAW and SDS buttons kept reaching into the side of the truck and unplugging the wires and cutting the wires to the electrical equipment. He said

other demonstrators jumped onto the truck and took over the public address system. [] helped the musicians put their instruments away for protection and they returned to the James Hotel. [] later returned to the truck and assisted [] in getting it back to the James Hotel.

[] said that he never at any time ever saw the Allstate Motor Oil can on the truck or at any other place. He advised that he had not been in the cab of the truck on that date. [] said there had been some bolts and nails in some cans on the truck which had been used in order to construct the platform from which the band was to play on the back of the truck. He said the construction was on about the day previous to the arrest of FORCADE. He said they only contained bolts with nuts, nails and electrical plugs for the electrical amplifying equipment. He said the cans did not contain any other substance which would be similar to that appearing in the other two small cans appearing in the photographs with the candle and the Allstate Motor Oil can. He said the can which appears to be partially crushed in the photographs appeared to be somewhat similar to one which had contained the nails on the truck during the construction of the platform, but he could not be certain that it is the same can. He said that if it were the same can it did not have the material in it that appeared dark in the photograph.

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[] said that he had never heard any plans by FORCADE, CINDY ORNSTEEN, [] or anyone in the group to use incendiary devices or to utilize the devices in the pictures. He advised that the event was only for the purpose of attracting the television media to the band. [] identified the following individuals who were connected with "The Gooks", and the equipment crew. [] the lead singer of "The Gooks" who resides at [] Maitland, Florida; [] the guitarist for "The Gooks" who resides in Maitland, Florida; [] guitarist, a friend of [] is a student at Florida Technological University, Orlando, Florida; [] the drummer, Orlando, Florida, but his address and whereabouts are unknown and no telephone number is known for him. [] said that he has known [] at Winter Park High School, and he believed he graduated last year. [] equipment

personnel who was riding in the cab of the truck with FORCADE and CINDY. [] was in the cab as a sort of bodyguard from rival demonstrating groups. [] (Last Name Unknown) who is believed to be a ZIPPIE from up North and a close friend of TOM FORCADE. This individual had visited TOM FORCADE and CINDY at the James Hotel. He is described as a white male, about 6'1", wearing glasses, having medium brown, shoulder length hair, thin build, weighing about 185. He had a fair complexion, no mustache or beard.

[] advised that about ten persons who are unknown to him and wearing ZIPPIE buttons had ZIPPIE flags on the truck, but he could not identify them.

[] advised that he had never been a member of the ZIPPIES and the persons known to him in the band, "The Gooks", were not ZIPPIES.

[] observed a photograph of the side view of the cab of the truck containing a white female sitting in the cab. He identified this white female as CINDY and the individual having long dark hair and a mustache talking to policemen in the foreground as [] observed a side view of the back of the truck and stated that from left to right he was the first person on the left with a white T-shirt having his back to the camera and his hair in a pony tail. He advised the third person from the left, [] was wearing a cosmic T-shirt. He stated that [] is from Tampa, and []

[] in Tampa, Florida. He advised that fourth from the left is [] the drummer for "The Gooks". [] observed a side view of a passenger automobile showing the contents of its rear seat. He identified TOM FORCADE sitting in the rear seat of the automobile and the shirt of [] next to FORCADE in the rear seat of the automobile. [] was shown a photograph of a white male individual wearing no shoes with his back to the wall of a building. He identified this individual as TOM FORCADE. He identified the third individual from the left having a cigarette in his mouth as []

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[] had taken the truck to a parking lot behind a Food Fair store on 10th Street in Miami Beach where they worked on the truck and outfitted it with a plywood platform and the sound system which was to be utilized for the rock music band.

He stated that on the evening of August 22, 1972, the truck was utilized at the Republican National Convention Hall where "The Gooks" performed. He advised that on that evening after the performance he returned to the James Hotel on Miami Beach. He said the truck was taken by [] and to the best of his recollection [] He said they took the truck to [] residence which was somewhere near Sweetwater, Florida. [] said he did not go with the truck.

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[] advised that to his knowledge the truck had never been taken to the Zippie headquarters located on Mary Street in Coconut Grove, Florida.

He said that he had not ridden in the cab of the truck on August 23, 1972, from the Zippie headquarters, Coconut Grove, to the convention hall in Miami Beach.

He said on August 23, 1972, he had not been at the Zippie headquarters in Coconut Grove on any occasion.

On August 23, 1972, [] stated that FORCADE met him at the James Hotel on Miami Beach. He believed CINDY was with FORCADE at that time. [] said he had been there over night with the members of the band "The Gooks". He said neither he nor FORCADE brought the truck back from the Zippie headquarters to Miami Beach on August 23, 1972, to the best of his knowledge. He stated he believed [] and [] had brought the truck back to the James Hotel on August 23, 1972, from [] residence, but he stated that he had not actually seen them arrive at the James Hotel to the best of his recollection.

On August 23, 1972, [] said the truck was taken from the James Hotel to Flamingo Park in Miami Beach. He advised that the sound system with the truck had